

Project Advisory Team



A Project Advisory Team consisting of Tribal Leaders, Technical Advisors, State and Local government representatives will provide strategic project guidance from various perspectives. This team is comprised of the following:

Hoopla Tribe

- La Jolla Band of Mission Indians
- Manchester-Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians
- Mishewal Wappo Tribe of Alexander Valley
- Susanville Indian Rancheria
- San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
- Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
- Woodfords Washoe Community
- Yurok Tribe

- California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA)
- California Tribal Nations Emergency Management Council (CTNEMC)
- California Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA)
- California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA)
- California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

[Above Photo] The Total Municipal Awareness System demonstrated by SMDC personnel, provides enhanced situational awareness and can be scaled from the full capability shown here down to a laptop version.

Emergency Management/ Homeland Security in California



Tribal Police & Jurisdiction Collaboration
(In conjunction with PL-280 lands)



Transportation
& Logistics



Environmental
Health & Safety



Communications &
Technical Support



Man-made/Natural
Disaster Responses

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CTEMHS

California Tribal
Emergency Management/
Homeland Security

Preservation of
Life
Land and
Culture

CTEMHS purpose is to enhance and develop
Emergency Management /Homeland Security
capabilities of Tribal Governments for the
Preservation of Life, Land, and Culture.



Cal EMA
CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Inter-Tribal Council
of California



An Association
Designed for the Unity of
All California Indians



CTEMHS Background

California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) coordinates the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) for the State of California. In an of increased devolution of federal programs and funding, few Tribes meet the eligibility for direct federal funding.

In 2007, Public Law #110-053, opened a path for Tribes to access Homeland Security funding through the State, in addition to those Tribes that already meet direct eligibility funding to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The federal guidance allowance for FY08 is \$246,184 for California Tribes. The State requirement added that the sub-grantee needed to be an association that is representative of all or substantially all of the Federally Recognized Tribes in California. ITCC responded to CalEMA and developed a grant program designed to build capacity and establish a governance structure for California Native American Tribes to develop planning around homeland security and emergency management issues.

CTEMHS Project Goals



- Develop a Communication network with California Tribal Leadership, Federal, State, Operational Areas and other Emergency Service Organizations.
- Conduct an initial assessment of resources and capable emergency response of all participating Tribes in California.
- Provide training and technical assistance, needs assessments, complete emergency management planning, and Homeland Security Planning document.
- Development of a governance structure and a coordinating body to sustain future effective emergency management for Tribal communities in California.

Fires on Tribal Lands



2008 INDIAN FIRE — East West Basin Complex The 2008 national fire season proved to be as challenging for wildland fire crews as any other fire season in hotshots history. After receiving federal certification for the 2008 FIRE SEASON from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, it headed out to fight fires across the nation including California Tribal Lands. Photo: Sam Wilbanks



Backfires set by the wildland crews begin to blaze and climb up the hill to the main fire. As the main fire reaches the top of the hill, its heat literally pulls the back fire towards itself and burns itself out. Photo: Sam Wilbanks

